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Identical letters dated 21 March 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a complaint about Israeli enemy forces, who planted a surveillance and photographic system deep within Lebanese territory (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex issued as an official document of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 36, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nawaf **Salam**
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Annex to the identical letters dated 21 March 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

The Lebanese Republic

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants

A surveillance and photographic system in the form of an artificial rock was planted by Israeli enemy forces in the Shama` area, close to Tyre, which is within the area of operations of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). The device was, to be precise, close to the command post of the Italian unit. On 17 March 2011, the system was dismantled by a special unit of the Lebanese Army. The system was detected as a result of information obtained from resistance sources by the Lebanese Army Intelligence Directorate, and was subsequently uncovered, dismantled and removed by Directorate technical units. The system comprised five parts: a photographic system, a system for picture transmission, a system for receiving control signals, a means of generating sufficient energy for the system for a long period and a cooling system. The device, which used highly advanced technology, provided coverage of the southern coast of Lebanon between Bayyadah and Tyre. It was operated remotely by Israeli surveillance aircraft that received photographs directly from the photographic system in the device. It should be pointed out that this is the second occasion on which an Israeli espionage apparatus has been found deep within Lebanese territory: two systems were found on 15 December 2010 in the Baruk and Sannin areas.

The planting by Israel of that system deep within Lebanese territory constitutes a flagrant violation of Lebanese sovereignty, international laws and norms, and Security Council resolution 1701 (2006), and is prejudicial to international peace and security. It also constitutes an act of aggression against Lebanese territory and confirms yet again Israel's contempt for United Nations resolutions and for UNIFIL, to the mandate of which it represents a blatant challenge. Lebanon demands that the Security Council assume its responsibility to maintain international peace and security and bring pressure to bear on Israel to abandon its aggressive and provocative policy towards Lebanon. The Council should also ensure that Israel complies with resolution 1701 (2006), respects the mandate of UNIFIL and withdraws forthwith, unconditionally, from all Lebanese territory.